

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Reply, claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 21-24 were previously cancelled. Claims 1, 5, 10 and 14 are amended herein to address the various objections and rejections. No new matter is believed to be included in the foregoing amendments.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that the claims contain allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended the claims to address all of the objections, so that the claim are believed to be in condition for allowance. Notice to such effect is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections and Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 5 and 14 have been amended into independent format to specify that the sulfur-containing compound is one of the enumerated species. Support for this is found, for example, in the claims as originally filed and in the specification at page 3, lines 22-28. While it is recognized that some of the species are not mercapto compounds, Applicants respectfully submit that any person of skill in the art would readily recognize from the disclosure of the invention as a whole that the compounds specified in claims 5 and 14 and in the specification noted above are within the scope of the sulfur-containing compounds of the disclosed invention, and that therefore Applicants are entitled to claim baths comprising such compounds.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to clarify the sulfur-containing compound as "comprising" one of the enumerated materials. The "selected from" language is not and was not intended to be Markush language.

Commas have been inserted into claims 5 and 14 as requested.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw all of the rejections and objections for lack of clarity or indefiniteness under Section 112, 2nd paragraph.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-20 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Notice to such effect is respectfully requested. Claims 21-24 have been cancelled pending the filing of one or more divisional applications.

Upon entry of the present Reply, the application contains 4 independent claims and 20 total claims. Accordingly, the non-small entity fee for one additional independent claim is submitted herewith. In the event any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988 under Attorney Docket No. **ATOTP0110US**.

Respectfully submitted,

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